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This is my Good Side by Denise March

LOCALEVENTS
COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Submissions are due 10th of the month prior
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Febuary 1 - 14th, What I love about Gold Canyon Contest Gold Canyon Executive Suites, 6589 S Kings Ranch Road, Gold Canyon. Submit either your story, poem or video that describes what you love about Gold Canyon. More information on page 9

Saturday, February 13th, AOTS Art Show | 9am - 3pm. A Free Fine Art show horsed by Artists of the Superstitions at Mountain View Lutheran Church in Gold Canyon. A diverse selection of artwork such as: ceramics, fiber, glass, gourds, jewelry, metal work, painting, photography, woodworking and more will be represented by member artists. Please see page 23 for more information.

Sunday February 21st, 9am - 3pm | Art in the Olive Grove. A free fine art show hosted by Artists of the Superstitions with music, wine tasting, a giftshop, and Tours at The Queen Creek Olive Mill. More information on their website; artistofthesuperstitons.com

February 23rd, 2:30pm | Writer in Residence Workshop at Apache Junction Public Library. Please see pg 18-19 for more information and how to register.

Saturday March 20th, Spring Sudio Tour | 9:00 am to 4:00 pm This free self-guided tour is like our Fall Studio Tour which has become an anticipated event for art lovers since it began in 2007. This year's tour is expected to feature 54 juried artists in 13 studios. Maps are available from the AJ Chamber of Commerce and Gold Canyon Visitors Center at Live It Well Place.

Events Continue at Boyce Thompson Arboretum, Check the complete event pages on their website at http://www.btarboretum.org/events or contact the Visitor's Center at 520-689-2723. You may also Email: info@btarboretum.org.

Exciting Activities year round at the Superstition Mountain Museum, Call 480 983-4888 or visit www.superstitionmountainmuseum.org for schedule of classes and events.

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GREETINGS TO ALL ADOBE MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

Genevieve Bricker
President Emeritus

In Memorial to Our Leader – Genevieve Bricker

Genevieve Bricker was born on April 22, 1931, in Akron, Ohio and passed peacefully on December 11, 2020, in Gold Canyon, Arizona.

Genevieve held a masters degree in education, teaching for 20 years in Ohio. She married Dr. Duane Bricker in 1975, moved to Arizona, and taught another 25 years in Superior, Arizona. Genevieve leaves behind her beloved husband Duane and two daughters Stephanie and Yvette. A cherished daughter Valarie passed away earlier.

Genevieve gave her life to the efforts of ADOBE, becoming a charter member along with Duane and a few neighbors back in 1989. Genevieve took over leadership as president of ADOBE in 1999, and held that position until 2018. ADOBE membership has now evolved from a few Gold Canyon neighbors to – through the years - thousands of Gold Canyon residents and friends who are or were members of this select community group. Genevieve loved fighting – through the auspices of ADOBE - for Gold Canyon citizens on a multiplicity of community issues. ADOBE remains today, due in large to Genevieve, the one and only "Voice of Gold Canyon." Genevieve was very proud of that ADOBE distinction, dedicating, and literally committing her life to the endeavors and battles of ADOBE, all for the benefit of Gold Canyon residents; the community she loved. She was the consummate leader, you knew exactly where she stood on an issue and she always held her ground, yet a kinder, more loving person you could not have met. There were very few people that Genevieve did not know. At ADOBE meetings it was Genevieve that went aisle to aisle introducing herself and talking to all the people she knew or did not know. Her beautifully flowered gardens - with holiday decorations - will always be remembered, which was a fitting exemplification of the person Genevieve - pretty, petite, colorful, and sweet, filled with a powerhouse of unstoppable energy that permeated her every being.

Genevieve - thank you for your leadership, your friendship and your pure love of humankind. Your heart is imbedded deep into the soil and fabric of Gold Canyon and you will never be forgotten – we love you, we miss you Genevieve - rest in peace leader and friend.

Glenn A. Walp

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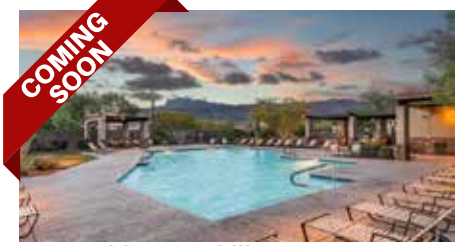

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- Confirm event times and read more at www.btarboretum.org
- connect with more than 12,000 fans (staff, volunteers, annual members) at facebook.com/btarboretum

February Events

Boyce Thompson Arboretum
37615 E Arboretum Way, Superior, AZ 85173

Sundays, Mondays & Wednesdays, Bird Walk | 8:30AM
Boyce Thompson Arboretum invites all who love birds to take part in birding around the main trail. Arboretum guided bird walks are an ideal way to get into birding and to sharpen your skills. Beginners are welcome. No binoculars? No problem! Ask in our gift shop when you pay admission; loaner binoculars are available. Cost: $3 Members/$5 Non-Members pre-register at www.btarboretum.org/events Registration does not include admission into the arboretum

Thursdays, All Febuary Long, **Yoga in the Garden | 10:30AM**
Join this all-levels yoga practice in our natural garden setting led by certified instructor, Deb McClarnon. Deb specializes in yoga therapy and believes yoga is not about perfect postures, it is about discovering what's already inside you. Please come prepared with your own mat (perhaps a towel or blanket too, for extra padding) and weather-appropriate clothing, as these classes will be outside. Cost: $10 pre-register at www.btarboretum.org/events Registration does not include admission into the arboretum

Saturday & Sunday, Wallace Desert Garden Tour | 10:30AM
Join a volunteer guide for a stroll through the new Wallace Desert Garden. See this relocated collection on a 1-hour walk over approximately half a mile of trail. Learn about the history of its acquisition, it's acclaimed and accredited ephedra collection, and many other impressive specimens. Cost: $3 Members/$5 Non-Members pre-register at www.btarboretum.org/events Registration does not include admission into the arboretum

February 5th, History Walk | 1PM
You may have walked our trails a dozen times and never crossed paths with the Galapagos Tortoise pens, or taken a moment to scan the horizon above Picketpost Mountain. Can you imagine cavalry soldiers camped in this region in the late 1800s? Phoenix historian Sylvia Lee narrates this two-hour walking tour focused on the life and times of Colonel William Boyce Thompson and his Arboretum. Space is very limited so pre-registration is required. Cost: $3 Members/$5 Non-Members pre-register at www.btarboretum.org/events Registration does not include admission into the arboretum

February 6th, Pick your Pollinator | 11AM
Join the Superstition Mountain Master Gardeners for their First Saturday program, Pick your Pollinator. It is estimated that one out of every three bites of food we take at every meal is made possible because of a pollinator. In this presentation, Superstition Mountain Master Gardeners share what they know about southwest desert pollinators, who they are and how you can support them. We'll give you information on the plants that the pollinators need for food and shelter and give you tips on how to use them in your own landscape/garden. Cost: FREE pre-register at www.btarboretum.org/events

February 9th, Bird Watch | 9AM
Contrary to our typical bird walk that guides guests along our many trails, this "watch" is an accessible approach. Allowing guests to sit and observe passerby-birds, this program is open to all guests regardless of their mobility. Participants will find a seat in our picnic area and see what birds may come their way. Bring your own chair and a pair of binoculars. Pre-registration is required and masks are required at all times. Cost: $3 Members/$5 Non-Members pre-register at www.btarboretum.org/events Registration does not include admission into the arboretum

February 13th, Edible and Medicinal Plants Tour| 1:30PM
On this exploration of the Sonoran Desert, you'll see jojoba, creosote, and other plants while learning of their medicinal and edible uses. Join us to learn how prickly pear cacti, ratany, agave, jojoba and other native plants have fed, healed and clothed Sonoran Desert peoples for more than 1,000 years.

Please note: this guided tour explores the Curandero Trail, which has steep sections that are not suitable for visitors

who use wheelchairs, walkers or strollers. Space is very limited so pre-registration is required. Cost: $3 Members/$5 Non-Members pre-register at www.btarboretum.org/events Registration does not include admission into the arboretum.

February 20th, Virtual Wildlife Lecture Series- Packrats | 11AM

Join Arizona Game and Fish Department staff, Jeff Meyers and Cheyenne Dubiach, for a virtual lecture series to learn more about the critters who live in and around the arboretum. Jeff Meyers is a wildlife biologist for the Arizona Game & Fish Department, managing the Watchable Wildlife Program. He has spent his entire adult life studying mammalian carnivores and enjoys the opportunity to educate others about all of the fascinating wildlife species we have here in Arizona. Cheyenne Dubiach is the Watchable Wildlife Program Coordinator for the Arizona Game and Fish Department. Her educational background is in Forestry and Wildlife Biology. She is an Arizona native who enjoys any opportunity to share her enthusiasm for wildlife with others.

Also known as woodrats, packrats are renowned for their hoarder-style method of home improvement. In truth, this is just one of the many adaptations these mammals use to survive and thrive in the Sonoran Desert. In this lecture we'll take a deeper look at these creatures.

Cost: $10 for single viewer and $25 for a family viewing pre-register at www.btarboretum.org/events

February 21st, Plants of the Bible Lands Tour | 1:30PM

The Arboretum's Mediterranean collection is home to many plants found in the Bible lands including frankincense, palms and pomegranates. This relaxed, slow-paced, tour highlights historical plants and their references mentioned in the Bible. Space is very limited so pre-registration is required. Cost: $3 Members/$5 Non-Members pre-register at www.btarboretum.org/events Registration does not include admission into the arboretum

GOLD CANYON STRONG *Events*

Are you also participating in Gold Canyon STRONG'S current event?

What I LOVE About Gold Canyon

Submission deadline is Sunday, February 7, 2021 at 11:59pm

What do you LOVE about Gold Canyon? Share your passion by Submitting via e-mail to goldcanyonstrong@gmail.com one or more of the following:

- a poem, a narrative, a video (MP4 file, YouTube Link, Vinemo), or some other creative format.

- 6 Winners will be announced on February 14, 2021(Valentine's Day). Great prizes!

The winning submissions will be posted on the GC STRONG website and FB page.

Sunday, March 7, 2021
Try Something New Day

Encourages you to take part in something you've never done before. Maybe it's a new form of exercise, or a lesson on how to make a new craft, etc. Stay tuned for more information about classes offered, etc.

Check the Gold Canyon STRONG Facebook page and goldcanyonstrong.wixsite.com/community often for updates.

As an Arizona native and someone who has worked in Gold Canyon for 10 years, I have spent a lot of time in and around the Superstitions. I sell homes all over AZ but am drawn to the "pink mountain" and beauty of the desert. I love meeting winter visitors and appreciate the conversations with those who stay and bear the heat all summer long. I am definitely a people person who values human connection and doing right by others. If you are looking for a go getter agent who cares about helping people and who will net you the most money in the sale of your house or help you find your dream home, then call me today!

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THE PAST IS PRESENT AT SUPERSTITION MOUNTAIN MUSEUM

The Museum's old windmill is a familiar rural landmark in the region. Photo by Jack Olson

By Bill Van Nimwegen

Legends of the Old West are still alive and kicking hard at the Superstition Mountain Museum. Located in the shadow of the beautiful mountain landmark, visitors come from near and far to drink in the scenery and learn about this storied region. A popular location for film, television and commercial studios, the Superstitions are uncannily familiar to first-time museum-goers because of how many times their incredible images have appeared. From the quaint chapel steeple that greets you at the Museum's entrance, to the iconic Wells Fargo stagecoach, visitors feel like they have been here before.

Even if you have visited before, you will be surprised to learn how much has recently changed, and pleased that you came again. Although some annual events have been cancelled or postponed, the gorgeous weather is still here. Many of things to see are outside the buildings and the Museum's Nature Trail now has informative captions added to give hikers some botanical insights.

EXHIBITS IN THE GALLERY

The Superstition Mountain Museum features engaging displays of history, geology, past cultures and enduring local lore to attendees. The gallery has been updated recently and has received glowing reviews from those who have visited since last November when it reopened. Artifacts and information have been painstakingly edited and chosen for quality, condition and relevance to the stories being told through fact-based research. Layout, color and multimedia are now integrated to help visitors find themselves, friends or relatives reflected in local history. There are also several "X marks the spot" gold maps displayed (so bring a camera).

OLD WEST PERFORMANCES

Saturdays are especially popular when the Superstition Mountain Renegades act out stories and gunplay on the grounds. Shows begin at 12:00 noon, 1:00 and 2:00 pm. Informal meet and greets with members of the troupe, beginning around 10:00 am, are great for selfies and encouraged by the costumed actors.

WORKING ON THE RAILROAD

Everyone is fascinated by the extensive model train exhibit that traces the growth and industry which blossomed along the tracks. On display are large, G-scale trains running through time-traveling landscapes and towns of the Superstition region. Visitors can now see new buildings on the layout, along with the miniature storylines that enhance our connection with the past.

CLASSES AT THE MUSEUM

The Superstition Mountain Museum is hosting classes to help you enjoy life in our beautiful region. On February 6, 2021 "Introduction to Dutch Oven Cooking" and "Desert Survival" classes are both scheduled. The cooking class is lead by award-winning Chuckwagon Chefs Sue and Russ Richins. Dutch Oven Cooking runs from 9:00 am -1:00 pm and registration is only $25 per person (includes lunch).

The Survival Class will prepare you for the unexpected when camping or hiking in the area. The 3-hour class, beginning at 9:00 am, is taught by Jean Robert Pelletier, a former Green Beret survival instructor. There is a $30 fee for this course that includes a special survival kit and booklet. Advance registration is required for both classes.

WE LOVE OUR VOLUNTEERS

We need you now more than ever! The dependable group of volunteers at the Museum has dwindled down because of travel plans changing and other circumstances, yet we are still offering a safe getaway for tourists and their friends. Nearly everything at the museum is maintained by volunteers. Please consider joining our Museum family.

Superstition Mountain Museum is open from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m., Wednesday through Sunday. The museum is located at 4087 E. Apache Trail (SR88) in Apache Junction, AZ. Call 480-983-4888 or visit superstitionmountainmuseum.org for more info.

The Superstition Mountain Railway displays large, G-scale trains running through time-traveling landscapes and towns of the Superstition region. Photo by Jack Olson

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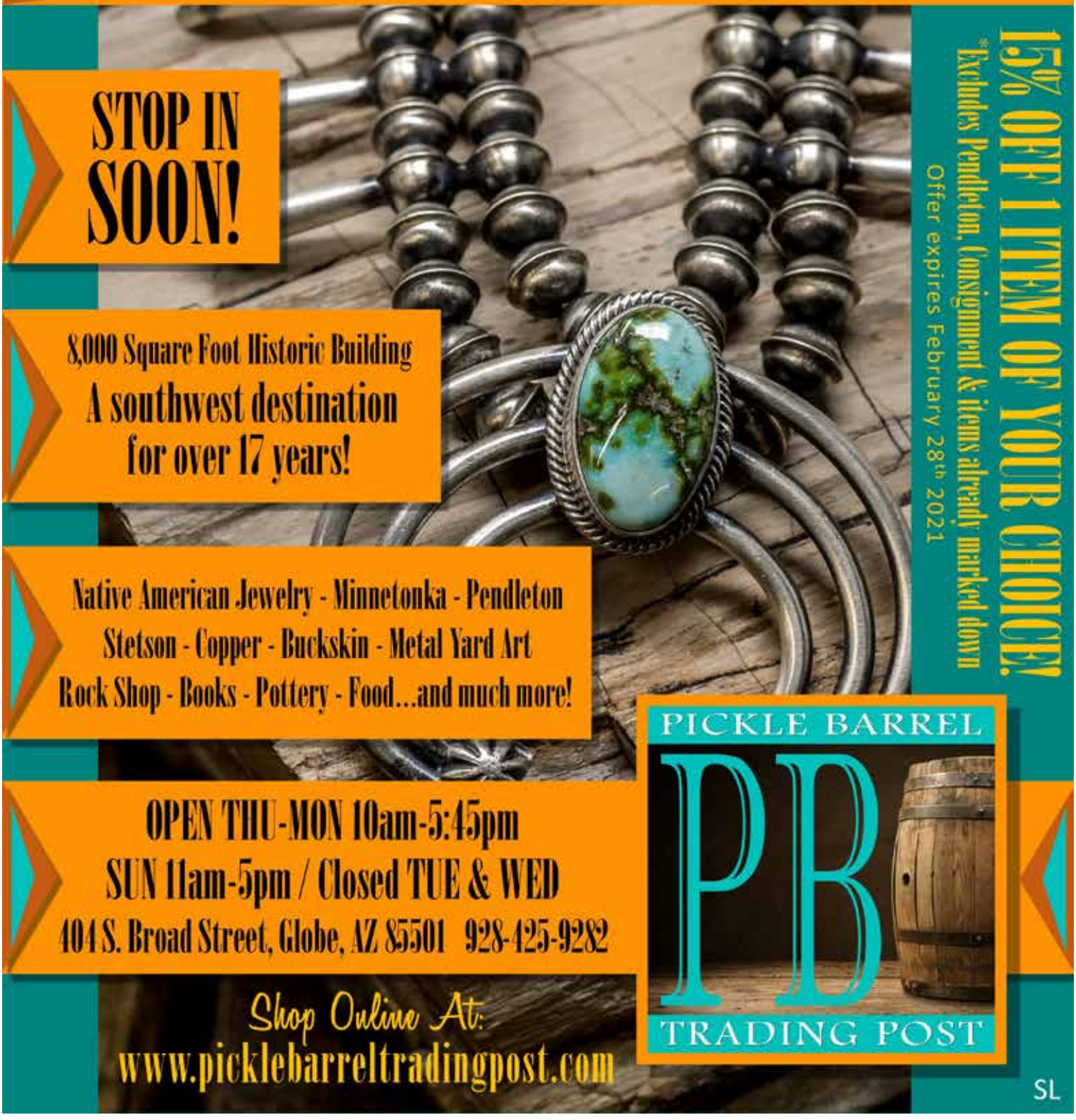

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GOLDEN DYSSODIA

Golden dyssodia [Dyssodia pentachaeta] is a beautiful little perennial that is almost a ground cover because it is so prolific. Acting as a wildflower, it can be sown as seed in the areas you want it in the spring and sometimes can be found in nurseries. These spunky little flowers acknowledge no boundaries and will spread, sometimes into your neighbor's yard which may or may not be a good thing. Growing less than eight inches, dyssodia has a short life span but reseeds itself so quickly that the new plants replace the dead ones without missing a beat.

The daisy like yellow flowers look great in rock gardens and bloom spring through summer, ignoring our triple digit summers. The one pictured here is still blooming in mid-November and expect will still be flowering till the first frost. Since there are at least five varieties growing in the Sonoran Desert it is a great flower to attract our very important native bee species.

While dyssodia is rarely used as a landscape plant, it has a wide variety of medicinal uses. The list of its medicinal uses is quite lengthy and can easily be found online. A wonderful description of its preparation and uses can also be found in Charles Kane's book, *Medicinal Plants of the Desert Southwest.*

Of particular interest, dyssodia produces camphene, a minor constituent of camphor oil and recent studies have shown that it can have a calming effect on the gut. It can also inhibit the growth of bacterial pathogens. The Navajo considered it 'red ant medicine' applying it to stings or taken internally as a decoction to cure stomach pains caused by eating red ants. One tribe even used it as a fish poison to 'stun' fish for harvesting and there is some evidence that the seeds were harvested and roasted for consumption.

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ROTARY CELEBRATES SIX-DECADES OF COMMUNITY SERVICE

Harvey Clark, President

The Rotary Club of Superstition Mountain recently celebrated 60 years of Service, originally Chartered by Rotary International January 9, 1961.

The luncheon event was held at the Gold Canyon Golf Resort where 60 + members attended live and through Zoom. Those attending were current members, past members, Canadian members and Rotarians from other Clubs. There were 16 Past Presidents and 6 District Governors including current District Governor Elizabeth Mahoney, District Governor-Elect Bret McKeand and former District Governors Jay Jones and Jim Erickson from the Superstition Mountain Club.

Club President Harvey Clark led the meeting where he made special notation of the long relationships with several local non-profit organizations where it is estimated that the Club has given $1,000,000 back to the community:

- 40 Years – Lost Dutchman Days Rodeo
- 20 Years – Lost Dutchman Marathon
- 20 Years – Annual Golf Tournament
- 20 Years – CAAFA – Community Alliance Against Family Abuse
- 42 Years – AJUSD Apache Junction Unified School District

President Clark introduced Rotarian Sharon Lea Boyd who entertained the crowd with two songs from the 60's – Many people recognize Sharon as a contestant with the local Phillies Restaurant and the "Idol" contest where she has competed.

Rotarian Brian Kabat (Ace Hardware) and local Resident Dave Webb (Southwest Surfers) both received a Paul Harris Fellow, named in honor of Paul Harris the founder of Rotary in 1915. They both continue in community outreach and support to Apache Junction / Gold Canyon and beyond.

Continuing with the Club Community Outreach – several local non-profits received funds from the Club including:

Chief Tom Kelly – Friends of Apache Junction $500 – to aid in the replacement of PPE equipment.

Former Mayor and Past President John Insalaco

Dr. Krista Anderson – Apache Junction Unified School District $500 for Teacher of the Year.

$1000 to United Methodist Food Bank: accepted by Rush Tucker

$1000 to Superstition Community Food Bank: accepted by Gary Klowfkorn

On behalf of Rotary International and our Superstition Mountain Club we thank the communities of Apache Junction / Gold Canyon and beyond for their continued support. We look forward to the next 60 years.

Rotary International is a 501(c)3 organization with 1.2 million members in 200 countries and 35,000 Clubs. Locally, Rotary Club of Superstition Mountain was Chartered January 1961 (celebrating 60 years in 2021). The Club has 40 members who meet at The Gold Canyon Golf Resort – 6100 Kings Ranch Road every Wednesday from 11:45-1 pm, as well as virtually via Zoom. Weekly meetings offer guest speakers who provide information about businesses and services in and around the area. The Club is open to additional members who are interested in being of service to our community.

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WITH ULTRA-LOW RATES, SHOULD YOU STILL INVEST IN BONDS?

If you've been investing for many years and you've owned bonds, you've seen some pretty big changes on your financial statements. In 2000, the average yield on a 10-year U.S. Treasury security was about 6%; in 2010, it had dropped to slightly over 3%, and for most of 2020, it was less than 1%. That's an enormous difference, and it may lead you to this question: With yields so low on bonds, why should you even consider them?

Of course, while the 10-year Treasury note is an important benchmark, it doesn't represent the returns on any bonds you could purchase. Typically, longer-term bonds, such as those that mature in 20 or 30 years, pay higher rates to account for inflation and to reward you for locking up your money for many years. But the same downward trend can be seen in these longer-term bonds, too – in 2020, the average 30-year Treasury bond yield was only slightly above 1.5%.

Among other things, these numbers mean that investors of 10 or 20 years ago could have gotten some reasonably good income from investment-grade bonds. But today, the picture is different. (Higher-yield bonds, sometimes known as "junk" bonds, can offer more income but carry a higher risk of default.)

Nonetheless, while rates are low now, you may be able to employ a strategy that can help you in any interest-rate environment. You can build a bond "ladder" of individual bonds that mature on different dates. When market interest rates are low, you'll still have your longer-term bonds earning higher yields (and long-term yields, while fluctuating, are expected to rise in the future). When interest rates rise, your maturing bonds can be reinvested at these new, higher levels. Be sure you evaluate whether a bond ladder and the securities held within it are consistent with your investment objectives, risk tolerance and financial circumstances.

Furthermore, bonds can provide you with other benefits. For one thing, they can help diversify your portfolio, especially if it's heavily weighted toward stocks. Also, stock and bond prices often (although not always) move in opposite directions, so if the stock market goes through a down period, the value of your bonds may rise. And bonds are usually less volatile than stocks, so they can have a "calming" effect on your portfolio. Plus, if you hold your bonds until maturity, you will get your entire principal back (providing the bond issuer doesn't default, which is generally unlikely if you own investment-grade bonds), so bond ownership gives you a chance to preserve capital while still investing.

But if the primary reason you have owned bonds is because of the income they offer, you may have to look elsewhere during periods of ultra-low interest rates. For example, you could invest in dividend-paying stocks. Some stocks have long track records of increasing dividends, year after year, giving you a potential source of rising income. (Keep in mind, though, that dividends can be increased, decreased or eliminated at any time.) Be aware, though, that stocks are subject to greater risks and market movements than bonds.

Ultimately, while bonds may not provide the income they did a few years ago, they can have a place in a long-term investment strategy. Consider how they might fit into yours.

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Before investing in bonds, you should understand the risks involved, including credit risk and market risk. Bond investments are also subject to interest rate risk such that when interest rates rise, the prices of bonds can decrease, and the investor can lose principal value if the investment is sold prior to maturity.

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WHAT IS INSULIN RESISTANCE?

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Our cells need glucose (blood sugar) in order to produce the energy our bodies need. Insulin resistance is a condition that can develop over time that hinders the ability of our cells to properly process sugar. So what exactly is insulin resistance and how does it develop?

When we eat, our digestive tract breaks down the food into the various nutrients we need. At this point, sugar (or glucose) is released into the bloodstream to begin the job of feeding the cells throughout the body. This rise in blood sugar levels signals the pancreas gland to release insulin, a hormone that plays a critical role in the process.

Each cell has insulin receptor sites that act as a type of doorway for glucose. I like to say that the gentleman Insulin opens the door for the lady Glucose to enter the cell to produce the energy we need. As long as we have a proper balance of glucose and insulin in the bloodstream, everything works fine.

If there are large amounts of glucose in the bloodstream over long periods of time, the pancreas works overtime pumping out insulin. This abundance of insulin in the system interferes with the insulin receptor sites of cells—the cells become "insulin resistant." This means the glucose remains in the blood stream instead of entering the cells, causing high blood sugars that may lead to conditions like heart disease and type 2 diabetes. In other words, the cells are starving in a sea (blood) of plenty (high blood sugars)!

What causes the overproduction of insulin?

One chief cause of the overproduction of insulin is a steady diet of refined foods and carbohydrates. Refined or processed foods generally contain large amounts of sugar and small amounts of fiber. That means that the body breaks down the food much more quickly, releasing a lot of sugar into the bloodstream fast. This causes blood sugar spikes that signal the release of large amounts of insulin.

Raw or non-processed foods with plenty of fiber take longer to break down in the body, resulting in a more gradual release of glucose into the bloodstream that allows the body to process it in a more natural way, preventing a spike in insulin.

One side effect of producing so much insulin is the development of a large abdominal girth. This is partly because large amounts of insulin signal the body to store fat, especially in the abdominal area.

The GOOD news is that many, if not all, of the effects of insulin resistance are reversible! In next month's edition of Healing Naturally, we'll talk about symptoms of insulin resistance and specific things we can do to begin that process and get back on the road to great health!

LOST DUTCHMAN VIRTUAL RACES

There is Still Time to Register

All new or Veteran Runners and Walkers Welcome to Participate

Any new or veteran runners or walkers interested in participating in any of the virtual Lost Dutchman Marathon running/walking events still have time to register! Race distances offered are: Marathon, Half Marathon, 10K, 8K, or 2 Mile. One fee covers any of the race distances.

Due to the ever-changing health challenges presented by the global COVID-19 pandemic, Lost Dutchman race officials have made the decision to evolve the 2021 events in to an all virtual format.

This year's 20th anniversary goodie bag will include an amazing 2021 Lost Dutchman long sleeve tech shirt, a 2021 Lost Dutchman Medal, plus your bib number. These items will be shipped directly to your door! Alternatively local registrants will be able to pick up their race packet in person at Road Runner Sports in Tempe or at the Multi-Generational Center in Apache Junction--of course, with safety and social measures in place to keep everyone safe! Pick-up addresses and details will be found at our Lost Dutchman Marathon website.

A few virtual race details include:

- Complete your race anywhere between February 6 & 16
- Take up to 24 hours to complete your race
- Registration remains open through February 16

Main goal of Lost Dutchman Marathon officials is to provide a safe and positive race experience for everyone while at the same time being able to give back to the local community. Since the Lost Dutchman Marathon races inception in 2002, the non-profit events have donated more than $708,000 to various local youth organizations. We appreciate your support!

For more specific details and information, and to register for the 2021 Lost Dutchman Marathon Races please visit www.lostdutchmanmarathon.org.

Barb Beavers, Handbuilt Pottery

Diane Haugen, Gourd Sculpture

Jan Ryan, Flame Painted Copper Art

FOURTH ANNUAL SPRING STUDIO TOUR

Saturday, March 20th, and Sunday March 21st, 2021 | 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Barbarann Mainzer, Acrylic Nature on Slate

Mark your calendars for the 4th Annual Spring Studio Tour! This free self-guided tour is like our Fall Studio Tour which has become an anticipated event for art lovers since it began in 2007. We are anticipating that the Spring Studio Tour will become as popular as well. The tours allow you to visit many of the artists' studios, which are close to each other scattered in front of the awesome Superstitions Mountains. The juried artists offer their creativity in Clay, Fabric, Glass, Gourds, Jewelry, Painting, Photography, Pottery, Sculpture, Wood, and much more. This gives you a wonderful time to just relax and spend the weekend in the Gold Canyon/Apache Junction area, driving roads less traveled, visiting studios, meeting with the artists, and watching them demonstrate their creativity. While visiting each studio, take some time to really see the artworks these artists create, and you might find a special piece that speaks to you.

The Superstition Mountains have inspired people for many years in different ways. The Tonto National Forest brings with it not only saguaros, but a wide variety of wildlife that freely roam the area which many artists include in their art.

This year's tour is expected to feature 54 juried artists in 13 studios. Although this is a smaller group than prior years due to the Covid 19 Virus as well as artists not returning to our area as early as usual. As with our Fall Tour, artists are spread out at each studio so that you can practice social distancing while visiting. Hand sanitizer will be available, and masks are recommended. We are following these guidelines to protect all of you and us.

Maps are available from the Chamber of Commerce of Apache Junction/Gold Canyon; The Gold Canyon Visitors Center at "The Live It Well Place, 6607 S. Kings Ranch Road; Business around Gold Canyon and Apache Junction; as well as the AOTS website: www.artistsofthesuperstitions.com. The map includes the addresses of each studio on the tour, the names of the artists, and each artist's special medium.

More information may be found at our website, www.artistsofthesuperstitions.com, or email your questions to: artists.superstitions@gmail.com.

Cheri Reckers, Silk Painting, Wearable Art

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Trees have long been a subject of interest and a topic of discussion - and it is no wonder they represent life, growth, peace, and nature - with over 60,000 different types of trees. A tree starts as a tiny seed and in its early stages does not prepare one for the beauty, magnificence, grace and strength that come over time, uniquely, and in its own creation and design.

Trees are grounded, connected by the roots that bury themselves deep underneath the earth. This can be compared to the early part of our life, our roots come from our family, our schools, our churches, our experiences, all blending into a strong trunk. A tree grows from the water it seeks and the light it reaches for. Trees teach us to stay rooted while soaring to great heights. The trunk can be smooth or rough, twisted or straight, representing the twists and turns, bumps and smooth surfaces of our life. As the tree bears new leaves, and sheds them, its branches may bend and break, twisting and spreading outwards so too is the way we live our life.

And so, we can imitate the tree, to draw from all its greatness so that we too can express everything we are.

Stay Grounded – be firm in your beliefs and in your ability. Do not let fear uproot you; for you are stronger than anything you must face.

Remain Connected to Your Roots – know where you have come from and understand that the connection to it provides life lessons. Whether those roots provided stability in your life or challenges, they remain part of your journey. Use them for the development of self, not as a hindrance.

Turn Over A New Leaf – be ready and willing to do things differently, to change with the seasons, to shed the old and birth the new. Do not shy away from the new. Instead embrace it, observantly and willingly. Seek out the opportunities that lie within every situation and be prepared to do things differently.

Enjoy Your Unique Beauty – love you first. Know that in understanding the power of love, that inner and outer beauty that is unique to you alone, you will be able to love others more openly and give of your own uniqueness bringing magic to whatever you do.

Keep Growing – be a life-long learner. Spend time experimenting with life so you can expand in knowledge, appreciating things from varying aspects.

The Live it Well Place is uniquely geared to empower you to grow. It is no coincidence that the logo for Live it Well is a tree. There will be a continuing opportunity with our new monthly Series to Learn workshops. Each Series is designed to move you, a beginner or an experienced student, into a Mindful Movement practice. Like a tree, we start with Roots and then Growth, like a trunk, building a strong and stable period of growth and then we Flourish, like the leaves and branches, waving and catching the sun in our own unique and personal way. The next Roots class begins in February. Details can be found at www.liveitwellaz.com

Live life like the tree and you will live fully... Namaste: The light within us honors the light within you.

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"Write what should not be forgotten," says author Isabel Allende. Everyone has something in them that should not be forgotten – and beginning February 2, aspiring authors can learn how to put theirs down on paper as our Writer in Residence program begins. We'll be joined by author and historian Lisa Schnebly Heidinger, who has been collecting and sharing Arizona stories since she began as a cub reporter for the Green Valley News in 1979. She's moved up through the ranks through radio and news stations, newspapers and Arizona Highways, historical and university boards, and has become the author of ten books, with two in progress.

Lisa says, "Each book I've written and each speech I give has added to what my father calls 'the bright bits I collect in the crow's nest of my mind,' tendrils and offshoots and embellishments to the Arizona history I know; characters connect in unexpected ways; new braids form and lengthen. If anything pleases me more than finding something I think, 'Why don't we all know that?' and getting to share it, I don't know what that would be."

The Writer in Residence program offers encouragement, direction and feedback to local authors, no matter where they are on the path to publication. Lisa Schnebly Heidinger will be available for virtual one-on-one consultations, and will hold virtual workshops to help writers get their projects off the ground and through to the final rewrite. Topics and tools presented may be applied to all forms of writing for high-school age and above. If you would rather read than write, the programs offer insight to a writer's creative process and provide a richer reading experience.

Our Writer in Residence will host the following workshops to assist local authors. To register or for more information, please visit Apache Junction Public Library's website at ajpl.org, or call (480) 474-8555.

February 23, 2:30 p.m. - "Research: The Good, the Bad, the Unexpected," Our Writer tracks her evolution in the world of research, from the horrors of her days as a university student to her present enthusiasm: "It's the only thing that has ever made me forget to eat lunch."

March 23, 2:30 p.m. - "Sedona Schnebly: What I Learned, and What I Didn't," Lisa Schnebly Heidinger spent decades digging into her great-grandmother's life. She discusses the genealogy, surprise sources, disappointments and mysteries that went into creating "The Journal of Sedona Schnebly."

April 20, 2:30 p.m. - "Arizona: The Centennial That Almost Wasn't," A member of the Centennial Foundation and Arizona Historical Advisory Commission Committee, Schnebly Heidinger traces what went right and wrong with the state's 100th birthday – and the perilous journey of the official Centennial book.

Virtual one-on-one consultations are Tuesdays, 1-3 p.m. and Saturdays, 9-11 a.m., beginning Tuesday, February 2. Please make an appointment by visiting Apache Junction Public Library's website at ajpl.org or calling us at 474-8555.

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WHEN IS THE BEST TIME OF YEAR TO BUY THINGS FOR A HOME?

For those who are trying to buy things for their home, it is important to think carefully. Nobody wants to overpay; however, reaching for something cheap may simply end up getting replaced quickly. There are a few highlights that everyone should consider purchasing for their home in January!

Purchase Some Furniture In January

First, everyone has to make sure they think about buying furniture either in January or July. A lot of furniture manufacturers provide retail stores with new pieces in February and August. Therefore, a lot of furniture will go on sale starting either in January or July.

Storage Items Go On Sale In January

Again, a lot of stores will roll out sales in January for storage essentials such as baskets, shelves, and organizing systems. There are a lot of student's who are looking for inexpensive items before the start of the new semester and what's leftover after Christmas will often go on sale in January.

Major Appliances Go On Sale During January And The Holidays

One of the most expensive items that people purchase for their home is a new appliance. These tend to go on sale during the holidays and shortly after Christmas. With new versions coming out at the start of the new year, the prior year's models need to be cleared out and retail stores will slash their prices in January.

Flooring And Paint Will Go On Sale In January

A lot of homeowners will take breaks from remodeling projects during the holiday season. Therefore, paint manufacturers and flooring specialists are often desperate for business during the winter. For this reason, a lot of paint and flooring essentials will go on sale during January, providing homeowners with a chance to save some significant money on their next renovation projects.

Linens And Towels Go On Sale In January

Finally, anyone who is looking for new linens and towels should try to wait for January. These are common gifts during Christmas so retail stores will be looking for ways to clear out the leftover inventory after the holidays. As a result, a lot of linens and towels will be marked for major discounts following Christmas.

COWBOY CHURCH

By Marcia Nelson

What has become of our worship today?
Closed doors, empty seats or drive-by waves?
Is that really how
we expect to be saved?

Do we dare come together
in worship and praise,
or is fear the new normal
that consumes our days?

But a miracle happened
on the desert today.
We found a gathering of souls
not afraid to pray…

Cowboys and Cowgirls all gathered 'round
and with them a following of worshipers bound
in fellowship and joy to be sharing the love
of the one who guides them from above.
The heartfelt message that echoed through
this desert cathedral, what an amazing view!

Prayers, songs and guitars all fill the air,
their sincerity shows just how much they care.
What a blessing to experience and to share the joy
of those who worship together with Cowgirls and
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BAILEYS CHOCOLATE GANACHE

- 6 oz quality semi-sweet chocolate chips
- ½ c heavy cream
- 2 Tablespoons Baileys Irish Cream Liqueur

INSTRUCTIONS:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Wrap the outside of a 9-inch spring-form pan in aluminum foil. Wrap at least 3 times so that the bottom and up the sides are covered, and there are no seams showing. This step prevents leaks when using a water bath.

OREO CRUST:

Put the Oreo cookies in a food processor until they're crushed cookie crumbs. Add in the melted butter and pulse a few times to combine. Press the mixture into the bottom of the prepared pan.

Bake the crust in the preheated oven for 10 minutes. While crust is baking, begin to boil a pot of water for the water bath.

BAILEYS CHEESECAKE:

Beat the cream cheese until soft, then beat in the sugar. Sift in the cocoa powder and cornstarch, then beat in the sour cream. Turn off the mixer and scrape down the sides of the bowl. With the mixer on low speed, beat in the eggs one at a time. Fold in the Baileys using a large rubber spatula. Pour the cheesecake batter on top of the crust and smooth the top. Place the cheesecake pan in the middle of a large roasting pan. Pour boiling water into the larger pan until about halfway up the side of the cheesecake pan. Bake for 55-65 minutes, or until the top looks just set, but the cheesecake still has a slight wobble in it. Remove from the oven and let the cheesecake cool to room temperature (while still in the water bath). Remove the cheesecake pan from the water bath, cover lightly, and place in the fridge to chill for at least 6 hours.

CHOCOLATE GANACHE:

Place chocolate chips in a glass, heatproof bowl. In a small saucepan over medium heat, warm the heavy cream until very hot, but not boiling. Pour the hot cream over the chocolate chips and allow it to sit for about 5 minutes. Whisk the mixture until smooth and thoroughly combined. Stir in Baileys until incorporated.

SERVING:

Remove cheesecake from pan by running a spatula around the edge of the cake. Unclamp the springform pan. Pour ganache over chilled cheesecake and spread into an even layer before cutting, or drizzle over each individual slice. Ganache will firm up when the cheesecake is refrigerated. Store leftovers in the fridge. Serves 12

Recipe courtesy of www.yellowblissroad.com / (I slightly modified verbage)

NUTRITION: *Calories: 661 kcal | Carbohydrates: 56g | Protein: 9g | Fat: 45g | Saturated Fat: 24g | Cholesterol: 150mg | Sodium: 358mg | Potassium: 270mg | Fiber: 2g | Sugar: 43g | Vitamin A: 1226 IU | Vitamin C: 1mg | Calcium: 103mg | Iron: 4mg*

If you have any questions or comments please email me at: Marsha.Dorris.Realtor@gmail.com

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The Mountain View Lutheran Church is located at 2122 S. Goldfield Rd., Apache Junction off Hwy 60. This is a great indoor and outdoor event on the corner of Apache Trail and Goldfield Road so the visibility will be great.

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The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes by Suzanne Collins, recommended by Georgia

An exquisitely appropriate title for this ghost story that gives readers a bit of history for the Hunger Games series. It poses the question, is evil born or is evil made? Both a prequel and an echo from the Hunger Games series of songbirds in a forest.

Midnight in Chernobyl by Adam Higginbotham, recommended by Craig

A bestselling "account that reads almost like the script for a movie" (The Wall Street Journal)—a powerful investigation into Chernobyl and how propaganda, secrecy, and myth have obscured the true story of one of the history's worst nuclear disasters.

Sentinel by Lee and Andrew Child, recommended by Tracie

Reacher is back and rejuvenated! Jack might not be as precise as brother Lee Child wrote Reacher, but there is added depth to the character which is much appreciated. And energy! This page turner has Reacher in bar room brawls, sabotaging kidnappings, meeting geeky IT guys, learning about bitcoin and ransomware, and evading Russians, all in a town you want to love.

Lost River by J. Todd Scott, recommended by Vicki

The townsfolk of Angel, Kentucky are dropping dead. For generations, the Glassers have locked the locals in a death-grip. When Mexican drug runners ambush the family compound, law enforcement investigates the bloody massacre and closes ranks to cover the agency's ties to the Glasser family. Violent and profane, this read may not appeal to some, but fans of Don Winslow or James Carlos Blake will discover a new, favorite author.

Anxious People by Fredrik Backman, recommended by Dennis

This a quirky novel that tells the outward story of a bank robber and a room of hostages. However, the real story is about the anxieties and complexities of people's lives. You will find yourself smiling, chuckling and recognizing familiar feelings as your read to it satisfying conclusion.

Sunrise on Half Moon Bay by Robyn Carr, recommended by Tracie

A turn away from Carr's Virgin River Series sees two sisters different in ages, expectations and careers. One sister is a sophisticated lawyer with her own family and the other is caretaker to their mother in their hometown in the house they were raised. Death, divorce, and deceit open the sisters up to each other with new possibilities and futures intertwined.

The Death of Vivek Oji by Akwaeke Emezi, recommended by Diana

This heart-wrenching story is of one Nigerian family's struggle to understand a child with mental illness and a gentle spirit. Vivek Oji suffers disorienting blackouts with moments of disconnection between consciousness and his surroundings. As he approaches adulthood, Vivek finds solace in friendships. His closest bond is with his cousin, the worldly, high-spirited, Osita. As their relationship deepens, Osita struggles to understand Vivek's escalating crisis. The mystery gives way to a heart-stopping act of violence toward Vivek. This is a novel of family and friendships that challenges expectations.

PHOTOGRAPHY FROM AROUND THE AREA

We want to highlight **YOUR PHOTOS**! Email me at *editor@mansurdesign.com.*

LIMIT 2 PHOTOS PER PERSON.

Goldfield Chapel on the Mount by Edd Lopez

Kissing 2020 goodbye! Taken NYE at sunset by Debbie Lee

Apache Junction Gamble quail feeding by Lester Walker

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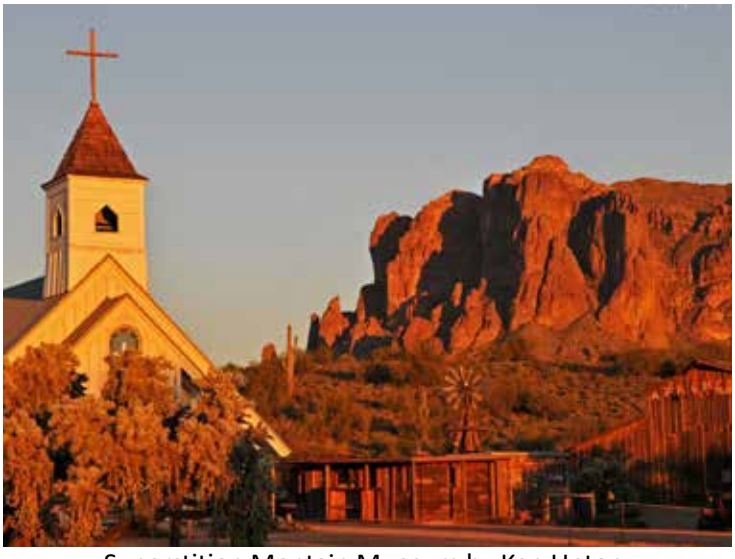

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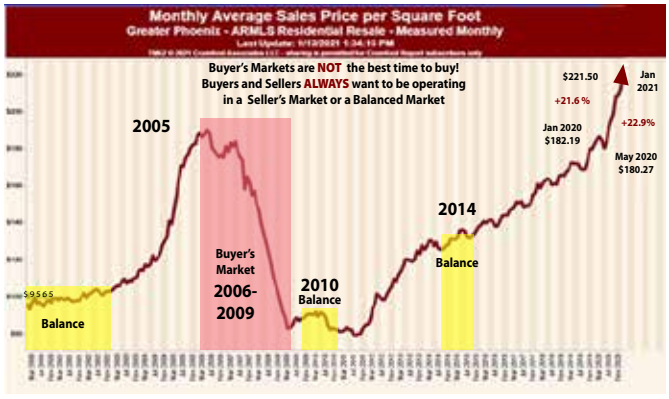

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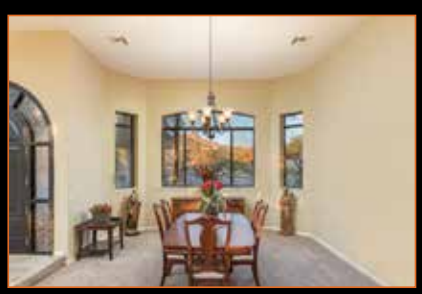

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